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SUBJECT: UN FIFTH COMMITTEE-18TH MEETING, OCTOBER 28, 1976

1. SUMMARY: AT ITS OCTOBER 28 MEETING, FIFTH COMMITTEE CONSIDERED
ITEM 92 (UN YEARBOOK) AND ITEM 100 (SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS).
COMMITTEE HEARD STATEMENT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNIDO. END
SUMMARY.

2. REVISED PROGRAM AND BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR UNIDO (PB SECTION
12)--KHANE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNIDO, ELABORATED ON
MEASURES INSTITUTED AND PROGRAMS UNDERTAKEN IN PURSUANCE OF LIMA
DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION. HE NOTED THAT SHRINKING OF
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RESOURCES FROM UNDP WHICH CONSTITUTE OVER
85 PERCENT OF FUNDS AVAILABLE TO UNIDO FOR TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE PURPOSES. CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT THE TASK
BEFORE UNIDO IS SO ENORMOUS THAT THE PROPOSED MODEST
BEGINNING APPEARS MINIMUM. (TEXT POUCHED IO/DP-FIGGINS
AND IO/IBC/BA-SOUTHWORTH).

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3. UN YEARBOOK. ON ITEM 92 PAKISTAN SAID HIS DELEGATION NO LONGER

WISHED TO PRESS FOR INCLUSION OF CPC RECOMMENDATION AND SUPPORTED RECOMMENDATION OF ACABQ AS CONTAINED IN ITS REPORT AND REVISED PARAGRAPH 13. CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED FIFTH COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT IT TAKE NOTE OF REPORT OF SYG ON UN YEARBOOK AND APPROVE RECOMMENDATION OF ACABQ TO INCREASE FUNDS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 13 OF ITS REPORT. US REQUESTED VOTE ON COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS OF ACABQ. ACABQ REPORT AS WHOLE WAS APPROVED BY VOTE OF 69-9(SOV BLOC, US)-1(CHINA). US IN EXPLANATION AFTER VOTE STATED THAT DELEGATION'S PRINCIPAL CONCERN WAS WITH PARAGRAPH 13 BUT SOME OTHER PARAGRAPHS WERE SO CLOSELY LINKED WITH 13, DELEGATION FELT OBLIGED TO VOTE AGAINST REPORT. DELEGATION AGREED HOWEVER WITH THRUST OF MOST OF ACABQ'S COMMENTS.

4. ON ITEM 100 (ASSESSMENTS)- CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ALI CLARIFIED QUESTION RAISED BY IRAQ THAT INDEED, FORMERLY, THERE HAD BEEN A GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT THAT NO PERCENTAGE INCREASE FORM ONE RECOMMENDED SCALE TO ANOTHER MAY EXCEED 10 PERCENT. THIS AGREEMENT WAS DISCONTINUED IN 1951.

5. JAPAN (AMB. ABE) RECOMMENDED NEW X SCALE BASED UPON NEW CRITERIA TO BE APPLIED PROGRESSIVELY AND CONSIDERED BY 32ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THAT PRESENT SCALE REMAIN IN EFFECT.

6. SPAIN (AMB. DE PINIES) STATED THAT IT WISHED TO REITERATE ITS SUGGESTIONS OF SEVERAL GENERAL ASSEMBLIES THAT THERE BE A 10 PERCENT MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE INCREASE FROM ONE SCALE TO ANOTHER AND THAT THERE BE PROVIDED SPECIAL REMEDIES FOR CERTAIN STATES. EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE EXPANDED.

7. GHANA, EXPLAINING THAT IT WAS SPEAKING FROM AFRICAN GROUP, SOUGHT NEW FORMULA FOR THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO WORK WITH INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EXTRA ASS-ESSMENT FOR HIGH PER CAPITA COUNTRIES JUST AS THERE IS ALLOW-ANCE FOR LOW PER CAPITA COUNTRIES.

8. ITALY, ENUMERATING THE PROBLEMS OF THE INCREASED ASS-ESSMENT IN ITS OWN CASE, STATED THAT SHE SHALL AND SHOULD PAY BECAUSE OF DUE PROCESS AND THE PRIORITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS
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ORGANIZATION TO NATIONAL INTERESTS.

9. FRG CAUTIONED AGAINST MOVING AWAY FROM PRECISE INDICATORS AND THAT IF INDEED THE FORMULA OF CAPACITY TO PAY IS NOT GOOD, WHAT IS THE SUBSTITUTE. DON'T THROW OUT THE RECOMMENDED SCALE NOW; PRESERVE THE BASIC CRITERIA AND PROCEED FROM THERE.

10. YUGOSLAVIA OPINED THAT PER CAPITA DOES NOT GIVE THE COMPLETE PICTURE OF A STATE'S ABILITY TO PAY. OTHER FACTORS SHOULD BE INCLUDED SUCH AS THE FACT OF NON-RENEWABLE COMMIDITIES AND THE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

11. IRAN (AMB. HOVEYDA) CONDLUED THAT THE UNSATISFACTORY CONCLUSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT WAS THE ONLY POSSIBLE OUTCOME IN LIGHT OF THE OLD AND OUT-DATED FORMULA WITH WHICH IT WAS PREPARED. OTHER FACTORS MUST BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION SUCH AS GNP, THE NATURE OF THE SOURCE OF INCOME, INTERNAL INFRASTRUCTURE, AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STATUS OF THE STATE.

12. NIGERIA STATED THAT THE PIECEMEAL CRITERIA WHICH HAD BEEN USED WAS NOT GOOD AND THAT THERE HAD TO BE A REVIEW OF THE HARID TERMS OF REFERENCE.

13. U.S. (STOTTLEMYER) DEFINED THE ISSUE AS ONE OF DUE PROCESS; THE COMMITTEE HAS ACTED WITHIN THE GUIDELINES FURNISHED TO IT BY THE MEMBER STATES THROUGH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, INCLUDING SPECIAL GUIDELINES IN LIGHT OF CHANGING ECONOMIC SITUATIONS. UN CANNOT ACT RETROACTIVELY; QTE ONE CANNOT CHANGE THE QTE RULES UNQTE AFTER THE GAME HAS BEEN PLAYED UNQTE.

14. IRAQ EXERCISING ITS RIGHT OF REPLY EXPRESSED CONCERN WITH THE INTERPRETATION WITH WHICH THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS ACTS WITHIN GA GUIDELINES, AND ADMONISHED US FOR BEING ASSESSED BELOW ITS CAPACITY TO PAY DUE TO TO 25 PERCENT CEILING.

15. AT THE NEXT MEETING ITEM 100 ASSESSMENTS AND ITEM 101 ELECTION TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL WILL BE COVERED.

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